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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection**  
**For Week Ending 24-Apr-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 04/24/99	Previous Week 04/17/99
Bro-Fry	149,844	149,404
Lt Hens	2,269	2,491
Hvy Hens	1,538	1,474

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada**  
**Weeks Ending 17-Apr-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	441	0	441
Last Week	571	0	571
Same Wk Yr Ago	554	13	567
To Date 1999	7,328	114	7,442
To Date 1998	8,225	125	8,350

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Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

**Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,951	1,343	4,294
Last Week	2,669	1,318	3,987
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,987	1,267	4,254
To Date 1999	39,941	20,073	60,014
To Date 1998	38,862	18,732	57,594

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**  
**Week Ending 17-Apr-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	151,880 (A)	2,510	1,343	3,853
Avg Wt	5.07	3.43	7.69	4.91
Last Week	147,925	2,098	1,318	3,416
Same Week Yr Ago	142,930	2,433	1,254	3,687
Avg Wt	4.88	3.40	8.02	4.97
To-Date/1999	2,245,298	32,613	19,959	52,572
To-Date/1998	2,168,999	30,637	18,607	49,244

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.7 million head or 2.1 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,  
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending April 10, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	32,451	19,823	45,120
Avg Weight	3.80	4.83	5.98
% Of Total /1	33%	20%	46%
Comparisons			
Last Week	30,272	19,149	39,959
Avg Weight	3.83	4.88	5.91
% Of Total /1	34%	21%	45%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	33,889	33,685	33,573
Avg Weight	3.86	4.81	6.01
% Of Total /1	34%	33%	33%
To Date/1999	464,518	393,187	596,806
To Date/1998	466,055	458,453	415,059
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 10-Apr-99  
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	4,521	43	4,564
Avg Wt	0.00	26.73	26.40	26.73
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	3,610	26	3,636
Same Week Yr Ago	0	4,430	57	4,487
Avg Wt	0.00	25.82 (B)	26.56	25.83
To-Date/1999	0	63,017 (B)	429	63,446
To-Date/1998	8	71,823 (B)	552	72,383

(B) Includes 255,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 294,000 in 1998.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.  
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